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RECREATION SITES AND FACILITIES

LOCATION	Camping	Picnicking	Whitewater Boating (Put-in or Take-out)	Swimming (See map for PFD)	Hiking Trails	Trails	Drinking Water	Phone
(A) Red Bud Put-in		P						
(B) Red Bud Picnic Area	X	P						X
(C) Dry Gulch Camp	X	P	X					
(D) Dry Gulch Camp	X	P						
(E) Indian Flat Campground	X	#		X	X	X		
(F) Cranberry Put-in		P						
(G) McClendon's Beach			X					
(H) Savages Trading Post				X	X	X		X
(I) South Fork					X			
(J) Briceburg Day Use Area	X	P/T			X			
(K) VanderKam Crossing			X		X			
(L) McCabe Flat Camp	X	X	P/T		X			
(M) Willow Placer Camp	X	X	P/T		X			
(N) Railroad Flat Camp	X	X	P/T		X	X		
(O) Merced River Trail					X			
(P) Bagby Concession	X	X	T	X	X	X		
(Q) Jerseydale Campground	X	X				X	X	

= Spring and Fall



SCALE

1 0 1 2 MILES

1 0 1 2 KILOMETERS

Property Lines are Based on the Best Available Information; however, Accuracy Cannot be Guaranteed. Furthermore, these Boundaries are Subject to Change.



North Fork Falls must be portaged at all times. At higher flows, the boulders are totally submerged, creating an extreme hazard for whitewater boaters.



Merced River Canyon visitor information available at historic Briceburg House. Open seasonally.

Please Do Not Litter...Pack It In - Pack It Out

CHOOSING THE CORRECT LIFE JACKET

A life jacket is a wearable personal flotation device (PFD). When buying or renting a life jacket, always look for the U.S. Coast Guard approval number, your assurance that it meets the minimum requirements of federal law. Be sure the one you choose fits properly and is right for the water conditions you expect to encounter.

The greater the buoyancy, the better. For use in white water, the armhole-style life jacket is essential. The horsecollar-style should only be used on calm water. Some life jackets are designed to turn unconscious wearers face up in the water, a feature you may want to consider. For more information, write or call the Department for the pamphlet, "Safe Boating Hints on Personal Flotation Devices."

Test your life jacket in a pool or in calm waters before your trip. If your head is well above the water and you can breathe easily, the life jacket should be acceptable. If not, consider a life jacket that provides more buoyancy.

MERCED RIVER WHITEWATER CLASSIFICATIONS

Red Bud to Suspension (Miles 0-8)
This is a difficult stretch of river with many Class III and IV rapids. At certain water levels, rapids such as Stark Reality or Ned's Gulch can flip a 16-foot raft. These and other large rapids should always be scouted before starting a run.

Suspension to Split Rock Rapid (Miles 8-16)
Of medium difficulty, this stretch is considerably easier than both the upstream and downstream reaches. Deep pools are interspersed with shallow rapids of Class II and III difficulty.

Split Rock Rapid to Bagby (Miles 16-28)
With at least one Class V rapid, a mandatory portage, and many Class III and IV rapids, this stretch of river is very difficult. Start above Split Rock Rapid to get a feel for the river before the rapids begin again.